

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 19 of the Third Extraordinary Session.

This bill is a crucial component of the recently approved budget package. It calls for a May 19 special election to consider six important initiatives, including a constitutional amendment to enact a rainy day budget stabilization fund.

However, calling a special election does not come without costs to California counties. As such, I am signing this measure with the understanding that the Legislature will reimburse counties for the costs of the election as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger